(d) The unspent balance of Rs.29.16 lakh as of 1990-91 is still lying with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh which will be adjusted as and when new grants are released to the State Government of U.P. on receipt of their proposal.

Bharat Shiksha Kosh

2678. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started Bharat Shiksha Kosh to receive donations for education;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the IIT alumni conveyed their apprehensions about getting their money routed through Bharat Shiksha Kosh and decided to stop donating money to their alma mateser;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the non-official members of the Board of the Kosh have also expressed similar apprehension and requested for renew of the entire procedure of routing money through BSK; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) In order to facilitate donations including smaller amounts from India and abroad for implementing projects/programmes connected with the education sector, "Bharat Shiksha Kosh" has been constituted by Government as a registered Society.

After issuance of the Government's instructions dated 21.2.2003 to all the institutions/autonomous bodies/public sector undertakings under the Department of Secondary and Higher Education and the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy requiring them to get the donations/ grants routed through the Bharat Shiksha Kosh, some reports had appeared in the press conveying the apprehensions of some IIT alumni regarding getting their money routed through a Government agency, on account of its perceived low credibility.

Some non-official Members of the Board of Governors of the Kosh had also highlighted similar apprehensions and requested for a review of the

Government's aforesaid instructions. The matter was reviewed and these instructions were withdrawn through a letter dated 27.7.2004.

Schemes for Minority Educational Institutions

2679. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any special schemes for the development of minorities educational institutions in various linguistic regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the achievements made by the schemes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) to (c) The scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernisation Programme is already in existence. A grant of Rs. 28.45crores, Rs. 29.00 crores and Rs. 22.05 crores were released under this scheme during the year 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05 respectively. Apart from this, the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education has been reconstituted on 7th August, 2004 alongwith a Standing Committee thereof. The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions has been established through an act of the Parliament with a Chairperson and two Members. The terms of reference of the Committees/Commission *inter alia*, include issues pertaining to minorities educational institutions.

Integrated Child Development Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

†2680. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by Government for the Integrated Child Development Scheme in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it has come to Government's notice that there has been a

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.